



Odell Public Library

ODELL OUTREACH

New Painting at Odell

Odell received a beautiful new work of art in January. Library patrons JaneAnn Ardapple and Marc Adami commissioned the oil canvas from local artist and former MHS art instructor (1998–2008), Stuart Roddy. The painting depicts a sunset on Lake Carlton at Rockwood State Park in Morrison. Roddy stated, "It is the connection to Morrison that matters. A special moment of a special place." We are so thankful for this beautiful addition to our library space and for the generosity and talents of our community. The painting is located in the Young Adult area and it even more stunning in person!

FEBRUARY 2024

After all the snow...and ice...and rain, we were delighted to have the first day of February greet us with sunshine and warmer temps! The library has lots to love this month including our first-ever Early Childhood Resource Fair and an engaging program on Abraham Lincoln hosted by the Odell Public Library Friends.

Love is in the air and you'll find this month's book displays feature Valentine-inspired reads for all ages. A fresh pizza-themed scavenger hunt is up and new coloring pages are available at the front desk for young patrons. Storytimes and Lego, Pokémon, and Magic clubs will be meeting at their regular times so there's plenty to do! We're also loving Odell's new furniture and shelving updates -- see if you can spot them all on your next visit!

Read on for all the details!



February Happenings



January Flashback

Twenty-five aspiring artists aged 6-16 enjoyed a 2-hour Comic Book Workshop at Odell in early January. Do Art Productions, headed by Rochelle native Jerry Moffitt, provided enthusiasm, guidance, and even unicycling to inspire these kids to make more art! The workshop was incredibly hands-on and artists learned a variety of different techniques for conveying expressions and including text with their drawings. During the last exercise, the group created a six-panel comic together with original characters, dialogue, and artwork. It was a joy to watch so many ages and abilities enthusiastically create art!



Many thanks go out to an anonymous donor at Odell and The Loft on Main for sponsoring this wonderful event. We hope to have Do Art Productions back again!

EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE FAIR

Have you ever wondered what local resources are available for kids aged 0-5? Need help finding childcare? Wondering if your child needs early intervention? Need to find a playgroup or a preschool? Find all this and more at our first-ever Early Childhood Resource Fair. Local agencies, preschool providers, the Food Bank, and many more will be available to answer questions and provide games for our youngest learners.



Early Childhood Resource Fair



Saturday, February 10, 2024
9:00am-12:00pm

307 S. Madison St
Morrison, IL



The Odell Public Library, in collaboration with Birth to Five Illinois and the Regional Office of Education #47, invites you to join us for a morning of kid-friendly activities and the opportunity to learn about local programs and resources!

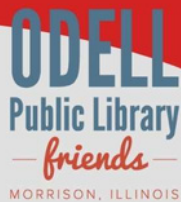


Scavenger Hunts

What did the pepperoni say to it's Valentine? You'll have to complete this month's scavenger hunt to find out! Special thanks to the Odell Public Library Friends for sponsoring our scavenger hunt prizes!

LINCOLN PROGRAM


President Abraham Lincoln of Illinois has become an iconic figure in American history since his tragic death on April 15, 1865. Though many books have been written about him, Ron Koehn's presentation will focus on some of the less familiar aspects of Lincoln's life, including his work on a flatboat headed to New Orleans, where he first saw slaves being sold. Lincoln was also an assistant steamboat pilot on the Sangamon River and received a patent for a nautical device which he invented. Join the Odell Public Library Friends for this free and fascinating program during the month of Lincoln's birthday. Reservations are requested, but not required by calling Odell at 815-772-7323 or signing up at the front desk.



**Abraham Lincoln's
RIVER CONNECTIONS**

Tuesday, February 20th
6:30 - 7:30 PM
- Odell Public Library -
307 S. Madison / Morrison, IL

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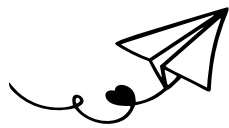
The Odell Public Library Friends are a dedicated group of library supporters who work to plan events, fundraise, and improve our community library. Over the past few months, the Friends have provided funding for several updates to our Children's Area including 2 new shelving units, a storytime rug, children's couch, bench, and dramatic play station. These purchases have made the area even more inviting and it is a joy to watch our youngest patrons enjoy the enhanced space. Thank you, Friends!



**THANK
YOU!**

Next Friends' Meeting:
Tuesday, February 6th
@ 1:00pm

Regular Programs



SAME DAY, NEW TIME!

Our Thursday Storytimes are now

6:30 - 7:00 pm

Updated November 2023

STORYTIME

The preschool set will love learning songs, sharing stories, and crafting with librarians Miss Katie & Miss Amy at Odell! This is a free, drop-in program every Thursday evening.

February Storytimes

Same Day, New Time! 6:30 - 7:00 PM

THURS 01	PENGUINS
THURS 08	LOVE
THURS 15	ELEPHANTS
THURS 22	BRRRR!
THURS 29	LEAP FROGS

Perfect for Preschoolers! Stories, Songs, Rhymes, & Art

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALLING ALL BUILDERS!

BEGINNING THIS OCTOBER...



LEGO

CLUB

IS

BACK

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10:30 - NOON

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM

ALL AGES & ABILITIES ARE INVITED TO CREATE WITH US!

This is a free, drop-in program. Duplo & Mega Block also provided.

3rd Saturdays @ Odell

Pokémon Club



10:00-11:30

Odell Program Room

Play the card game, trade with friends, and meet up with other Pokémon fans! All ages.



MAGIC
THE GATHERING

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Odell Program Room

Bring your decks and play/trade with other MTG enthusiasts. Ages 10+



Around Odell



Look who's having fun at Odell!

Pictured above clockwise: A close-up of Odell's new painting by Stuart Roddy hangs in the Young Adult area; Brayden cozies up on the new children's couch provided by the Odell Public Library Friends; A new rug, loveseat, and end table make a lovely sitting area near the fireplace; Porter celebrated his 3rd birthday at Odell's storytime; Turtle races with Miss Amy at storytime; and Lily showcases her doughy snow creation!

PUTNAM & ZOO PASSES

Looking to explore locally? Check out Odell's Putnam Museum or Niabi Zoo pass and enjoy a day at this Quad Cities museum on us! Passes are available to adult Odell library card holders on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call us at 772-7323 to reserve your pass!

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

- Odell Play Kitchen & Puppet Theater
- Discovery Book Packs
- Leapfrog Readers
- Hot Spot checkouts
- Free library cards for kids
- Free wi-fi and public computers
- LEGO cart
- Coloring and activity pages
- [Access to Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

